(b) and (c) Yes Sir. An Extradition Treaty with the United Arab Emirates was signed by the Government of India on 25 October, 1999. The Treaty will come into force after exchange of instruments of retification with the U.A.E.

Parliament has already adopted enabling Legislation i.e. the Extradition Act of 1962 (Number 34 of 1962), which received the assent of the President on 15 September 1962. The Treaty would, therefore, not require enactment of separate implementing legislation or any amendment to the Extradition Act of 1962. In order to give effect to the provisions of the Treaty in India, after exchange of instruments of ratification with the U.A.E., the Treaty will be notified under Section 3(1) of the Extradition Act 1962 through a Gazette Notification by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Talks with the United States on Afghanistan and cross border terrorism

331.SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the US had official level talks on September 2, 1999, at Washington on Afghanistan and cross border terrorism perpetrated by Afghan Taliban;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The official level consultations between India and the US were held in Washington on September 2-3, 1999 on Afghanistan and cross-border terrorism.

(b) These consultations resulted in a better understanding and appreciation of each other's concerns and perceptions on the evolving situation in Afghanistan and the problem of terrorism and their impact on India.

(c) Mr. Michael Sheehan, Chief Coordinator on Counter-terrorism in the US State Department visited India on September 17-18, 1999 and bilateral interaction is continuing. The two Governments have agreed to intensify cooperation in combating terrorism.

Pakistan's strategy in response to India's draft nuclear doctrine

332.SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan, in response to India's draft nuclear doctrine, spelt out a 10-Point "Strategic Restraint Regime" in September this year, which amongst others included an India-Pak nuclear test ban treaty;

(b) if so, the details of the strategy spelt out by Pakistan; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) No Sir. However, the Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, in the course of an address titled "Indian Nuclear Doctrine: Implications for Regional and Global Peace and Security" at Islamabad on 7 September 1999 made a "10-Point" suggestion comprising principally of steps that Pakistan wanted India to take in the nuclear field. Included in these 10 Points were proposals for Pakistan and India to formalise their unilateral moratoriums on nuclear testing into, a binding bilateral arrangement pending the coming into force of the CTBT, and for India to enter into negotiations with Pakistan to elaborate a "Strategic Restraint Regime" for South Asia.

(c) The Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan in February 1999 at Lahore provides for both countries to engage in bilateral consultations on security concepts and nuclear doctrines with a view to developing measures for confidence building in the nuclear and the conventional fields. It may be noted, however, that it has been India's consistent position that measures of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation cannot be limited to an arbitrarily defined geographical sub-region when nuclear weapons by definition have a global reach and impact and India's security concerns extend well beyond that sub-region.

Training to Indian security personnel by United States

333. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any offer has been received from the United States to train Indian security personnel in sophisticated counter insurgency combat following the open declaration of 'Jehad' against India and US by terrorist Osama Bin Laden; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Indian and the US are engaged in bilateral consultations on the problem of terrorism. The two Governments have agreed to intensify cooperation in combating terrorism.

(b) The Government has received no formal proposal from the US to train Indian security personnel in "sophisticated counter-insurgency combat".

Indo-US ties

334. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to improve Indo-US ties; and